

**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
189 No. Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:12 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board of Education President Gregory C. Miglino, Jr. called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:12 p.m. The meeting took place in the Boardroom of the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven,, New York. The Long Island Advance and South Shore Press were notified of this meeting. Notices were also sent to all school buildings and the local libraries.

Board of Education Members Present: President Gregory C. Miglino, Jr.; Vice President Carl Moodt; Trustees Victor Correa; Trustee Toni Huffine [left at 12:15 a.m.]; Trustee James Jankowski; Trustee Kevin Kirk; Trustee Marian McKenna;

Roll Call

Members Absent: Trustee Barbara Schatzman [absence due to family crisis]

Members Late: Marian McKenna [7:35 p.m.]

Others Present: Interim Superintendent of Schools Raymond Walsh, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dwayne Adsitt, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Richard Kollar, Director of Special Services Ann Marie Morreale, Interim Assistant Director of Special Services Jack Colombo, Bellport High School principal Nelson Briggs, Bellport Middle School principal Sean Clark, Physical Education teacher Lori Klamut, Athletic Director John Frankie, BTA President Spencer Stickley, teachers, other staff members, guests and members of the community

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo led the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

3. WELCOME

Board President Gregory Miglino welcomed everyone to the new South Haven boardroom; said the room will have a PA system installed by February 2009.

Welcome

4. IN RECOGNITION

Superintendent of schools Raymond Walsh recognized members of the computer technical group: Nancy Poulos, Carol Cole, Sean Austin, Linda George, and Jane Johnson for a “magnificent job” developing a new look for the district’s website; Mr. Walsh noted that all of the work was done by internal staff members, who best know the district.

In Recognition

5. COMMENDATIONS

Board member Kevin Kirk acknowledged the following schools and students:

BROOKHAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Sunday, January 4, 2009, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Walsh and Art Teacher Michelle Procida took part in a celebration to mark a recent collaboration between Brookhaven Free Library and Brookhaven Elementary School. The school presented a third grade art show entitled “*A Journey with Pastels.*” One hundred people were present for the PowerPoint presentation created by Mrs. Procida. It featured Superintendent Walsh’s library visit to each 3rd grade class where he shared his original artwork, explained where artists get their ideas and the value of the library as a reference tool for artists.

Superintendent Walsh extends a special thank-you to the PTA for supplementing the budget to provide refreshments for the attendees, and Lisa Griener for her support of the collaboration.

KREAMER STREET SCHOOL

Mrs. Santaromita’s 2nd grade class did a fun activity to practice writing friendly letters. Each child sent two letters to the principal of another school on Long Island. The first letter explained that the students were having a contest to see which child could get the fastest response to his/her letter. It also asked the principal to pass the second letter on to a responsible student who would write back. The second letter asked the student questions and told a little about the sender. Carson Nagle received the first response to his letter. The response was from Megan Briggs, a student at Bellport High School. As a reward for winning the contest, Carson was pictured in the newspaper and then received a Bellport High School hat, presented by Mr. Briggs. Great job Carson!

VERNE CRITZ SCHOOL

In preparation for the inauguration of President Elect Obama, teachers will be helping students answer the question, “How can we help our country shine with President Obama?” A representative from each class will read his/her response at a special assembly next week, when students will be viewing parts of the history-making inauguration, and also singing the song, “*This Little Light of Mine...*”

BELLPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Seventh Grade student George Marschall will be attending the presidential inauguration with a youth leadership group. He will be keeping a daily log of the historic event. When he returns, he will be presenting to his classmates. The school plans to put George’s daily log on the district’s website.

Art teacher Stacy Patanjo has announced that she has received a grant from the South Country Education Foundation. This grant will allow local artists to visit classrooms and teach a unit entitled *Jewelry Making with Fused Glass Pendants.* The class will show students how to fuse glass in a kiln and turn it into jewelry.

Mr. Kinigson reports that the BMS History Team is maintaining its First-Place position in both Suffolk County Leagues.

Commendatio
ns
[Cont'd]

BELLPORT HIGH SCHOOL – Press Release

School principal Nelson Briggs is proud to announce that on March 10, 2009 South Country and Connetquot School Districts will kick off a new program entitled the ***Cultural Exchange Program***. This innovative program is already being implemented in Bay Shore, Kings Park and West Islip School Districts. It provides a way for high school students to challenge their own prejudices.

While Connetquot School District's demographics tend to be relatively uniform, South Country School District residents are diverse in race and ethnicity. Coordinators Alicia Ulberg, Assistant Principal and Lynette Murphy, Social Worker from Bellport High School and Cheryl Sosa, teacher from Connetquot High School will schedule select days of the school year. Students involved in the program will have an opportunity to "shadow" students from the opposing school for a day – learning that there are many more similarities among students than differences. Program participants will arrive as visitors at the other school and then be paired with an individual student from that school. The visiting student will spend a school day with a student in the other high school – attending all of that student's classes. At the end of each exchange day, students will come together to talk about their experiences. Coordinators will be on hand to guide discussion and assist students in exploring previous misconceptions they may have had and how these misleading notions have changed as a result of being part of the program. Participants will also be required to write a reaction paper outlining their experience of visiting the other school and meeting new people. Reaction papers from Bellport High School students will be shared with Connetquot students and vice versa.

Cultural Exchange Days will take place throughout the school year, giving students the opportunity to meet several students from the other community. The program will be a long-term project with students who participate also being part of a greater peer leadership program.

Gavin Shiminski and Rebecca Denise are the recipients of the Wendy High School Heisman's Scholarship Athletic Award. This award is given to those student athletes who excel on and off the athletic field by demonstrating good citizenship while excelling in the classroom.

SPORTS: FALL WRAP-UP

All of South Country School District teams qualified as "**Scholar-Athlete**" teams, with the following averages:

Boys' Cross-Country: 96.57

Girls' Tennis: 94.81

Girls' Soccer: 94.52

Girls' Cross Country: 94.32

Boys' Soccer: 91.45

Football: 91.15

Boys' Golf: 90.4

Sports Wrap-
up

VARSITY FOOTBALL

2008 record was 7-3 and ranking 8th on Long Island

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

2008 Co-League Champions: 19-2 record. Ranked #3 in Suffolk County "AA" Schools

GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY

Undefeated League IV Champions! Team also finished 2nd in County "A" Schools

BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY

Team finished 2nd in Suffolk County Freshman/Sophomore Race

GOWINS NAMED NATIONAL FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR by COLLEGE SPORTING NEWS: Gowins is the first SBU player to be named to the honor.

"Freshman running back Edwin Gowins [former Bellport, High School student] added a major national award to his post-season honors with the announcement by the College Sporting News of his selection as the publication's national Freshman of the Year at the FCS level. He is the first Stony Brook football player to earn a national Freshman of the Year award."

OTHER NEWS

The Long Island String Festival Association [LISFA] just announced the selection of 10 South Country School District student-musicians that will participate in the 2009 String Music Festivals. These musicians are considered to be among the finest in Suffolk County, based on last spring's NYSSMA events and staff recommendations:

Bellport HS

Kristin Deutsch
Samantha Polins
Paulina Salcedo-Watson

Bellport MS

Olivia Gassner
Thomas Gassner
Aiden Lindstrom
Elizabeth O'Connor

Frank P. Long

Jacob Fahey
TJ Worthington
Charles Rojas

The Middle School String Festival will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Elwood Middle School.

The Junior High and High School String Festival will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Commack Middle School.

Congratulations to these dedicated and talented students! South Country School District's music programs continue to nurture talent and pour forth fine musicians.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Bilecki: complimented the décor of the new boardroom; Q re: cost for the new furniture and overall costs?

Gregory Miglino: actual cost is not presently known; the size of the Board table is larger than what was ordered, the Board was unaware of the size; cost for the PA system is estimated around \$32 thousand;

Michael Bilecki: Q re: status of Huffine vs. the Board of Education? Q re: total cost to date?

Gregory Miglino: this is an ongoing matter; we are at the \$50 thousand mark.

Toni Huffine: there are still 5 more witnesses for the Board to present; and 5 more witnesses for my side to present

Michael Bilecki: mentioned an article in the paper about cost for the SCSD's legal matters...

Gregory Miglino: The printed articles about the cost were inaccurate...

Maureen LaRocca: [Kreamer Street School]: said she has no knowledge of Huffine vs. the Board of Education..?

Gregory Miglino: provide Maureen La Rocca with an overview of the legal action.

Resident - on Behalf of Carlos Malave: [name unclear]: addressed the Board about a matter concerning a coach who uses profanity to address members of the Girls' Track Team; said these concerns have been addressed with John Frankie but nothing has been done.

Gregory Miglino: the superintendent has knowledge of this issue and it will be addressed; told the residents he will arrange for a meeting with them and the superintendent

Susan Roth: spoke of busing for the next school year; voiced concerns about benefits and job retention for bus employees; mentioned contractual practices in other districts; requested of the Board, an update on their plans for bidding out busing.

Gregory Miglino: the Board has engaged a law firm to review the legalities; they are developing a prospectus and it appears that only a percentage of the employees can be retained; said, if it were up to him, all bus employees would be retained; spoke of saving money and maintaining tax stability; said goals can only be realized by cutting waste, and that the bidding process is scheduled for the first week in February 2009.

Jackie: discussion re: her attempts to meet with the high school coaches to register complaints of the use of inappropriate language when addressing members of the Girls' Track Team.

Gregory Miglino: because this is a personnel issue, the Superintendent of Schools will address this matter; you will also be hearing from Athletic Director, John Frankie

Erika Watson: [FPL]: addressed the Board with her concerns pertaining to the "abrupt dismissal of a long-term employee" in her building; said the employee's dismissal is affecting the morale of staff members

Gregory Miglino: the building principal makes the decision to terminate; said he hopes that morale does not continue to be affected.

Toni Huffine: acknowledged that she has received an email message pertaining to the dismissal; assured Erika Watson that the Board will be "taking this matter under discussion"

CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

7. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

The Board has determined that the actions it will take with respect to all items appearing on the agenda are Type II actions under the SEQRA Regulations, 6 NYCRR 617.5, which have no significant impact on the environment.

A. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accept
Treasurer's
Report

Treasurer's Report for November 2008

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On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Carl Moodt; with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves a Treasurer's Report for November 2008, as stipulated above.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Approve
Budget
Transfer
Requests

1. Budget Transfer Request

On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Budget Transfer Requests. [Please see attachment pages: 284 through 286]

- C. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education Authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Special Education Service Contract* between Bay Shore Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide Special Education services to a South County Central School District student attending private school within Bay Shore Union Free School District during the 2007 – 2008 school year. (Budget Code: 2250.470.00)

Execute
Contract with
Bay Shore
UFSD

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Toni Huffine, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education Authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Special Education Service Contract* between Bay Shore Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide Special Education services to a South County Central School District student attending private school within Bay Shore Union Free School District during the 2007 – 2008 school year.

- D. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute **approved** contracts with schools, school districts, director of health services, and consultants for educational services, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (Budget Code: F2020.400.TS9)

Execute
Contract with
Career &
Employment
Options, Inc.

- Career & Employment Options, Inc.

On a motion by Toni Huffine; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute **approved** contracts with schools, school districts, director of health services, and consultants for educational services, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

- E. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute **approved** contracts with schools, school districts, director of health services, and consultants for educational services, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (Budget Code: A2250.470.00 school year tuition and services, F2253.472SUM summer tuition and services)

Execute
Contract with
United
Cerebral Palsy

- United Cerebral Palsy

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute **approved** contracts with schools, school districts, director of health services, and consultants for educational services, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (Budget Code: A2250.470.00 school year tuition and services, F2253.472SUM summer tuition and services)

- United Cerebral Palsy

F. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the East Islip School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the East Islip during the 2008 -2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00) On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Toni Huffine, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the East Islip School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the East Islip during the 2008 - 2009 school year.

Execute
Agreement
with East Islip
School Dist.

G. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the budget calendar in preparation for the 2009-2010 budget. On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Victor Correa, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education adopts the budget calendar in preparation for the 2009-2010 budget.

Adopt 2009-
2010 Budget
Calendar

H. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Fidelity Advisors as a participating Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) 403b provider On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Toni Huffine, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Fidelity Advisors as a participating Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) 403b provider

Approve
Fidelity
Advisors as
Participating
Tax Sheltered
Annuity 403b
Provider

I. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent Schools, the Board approves Bellport Middle School Dance Team to attend dance competitions on February 8, 2009 and March 1, 2009 at Nassau Community College. Parents will provide transportation for these competitions. **(There will be no cost to the District for these competitions)** On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Bellport Middle School Dance Team to attend dance competitions on February 8, 2009 and March 1, 2009 at Nassau Community College. Parents will provide transportation for these competitions. **(There will be no cost to the District for these competitions)**

Approval:
Bellport Dance
Team to attend
Competition
on 2/2/09 to
3/1/09

- J. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District approves a donation from Senior Manager, Margaret Pelech of Fed-ex, Greenvale, NY of high quality copy paper for South Country Central School District valued at \$2000.00. This copy paper will be distributed between Bellport Middle School and Kreamer Street Elementary School.

Approve
Donation from
Margaret
Pelech of
Fed-Ex, ,
Greenvale,
New York

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by James Jankowski, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education of the South Country District approves a Central School District valued at \$2000.00. This copy paper will be distributed between Bellport Middle School and Kreamer Street Elementary School.

K. PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Position Abolitions, Employment Appointments, Tenure Appointments, and Salary Changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment.

Approve
Personnel
Changes

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Victor Correa, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Position Abolitions, Employment Appointments, Tenure Appointments, and Salary Changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment, moving items 1014; 1016; 1018; 1041; and 1049 to Executive Session for discussion.

8. PRESENTATION

Bellport High School Principal Nelson Briggs, and Assistant Principal Bernie Soete gave a presentation on changes to the Curriculum Handbook and highlights of new courses that will be offered for the 2009-2010 school year.

Presentation
[Course
Selection
Guide]

Reason for Changes

Mr. Briggs notes, "In an effort to align curriculum, course description, and course titles with New York State Learning standards and, perhaps more importantly, what colleges are looking for in prospective students, the 2008-2009 curriculum handbook was reviewed by teachers and administrators" as a committee, "to see what changes could be made to the current product."

The "Name" Change

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, the 2008-2009 Curriculum Handbook will undergo a name-change. The handbook will now be called a "Course Selection Guide" According to Mr. Biggs, the title of the handbook

was changed because it does not provide curriculum to students, only descriptions of courses from which students may choose.

What's New in the Course Selection Guide:

- A cover designed by students in the Art department
- A letter from the principal highlighting the importance of the course selection process
- A table of contents
- Numbered pages
- Colored graphics
- Learning standards outlined for each department
- Course offering by grade level
- Course description that now include course number, grade level, length of course, credit value, and any pre/co-requisites that may be required
- ESL, Reading, and Special Education – each has its own department page
- Elimination of information, as provided by guidance [i.e.: NCAA eligibility requirements]

Guidance Section

- The Guidance & Counseling center now list services it provides, by grade Level; a *Definition of Terms* has been added; graduation requirements has been redefined and reformatted; and a discussion of program levels has been added

Program Changes

College Credit through Senior Classes has been added to outline how students may earn college credits while still in high school

S.C.A.L.E. Program [Secondary Collegiate Articulated Learning Experience]: This program is being revisited.

University in the High School [Farmingdale State College]: this program will be expanded to include more math and business courses

Excelsior Program [Suffolk Community College]: this program is **new** and is being proposed in four [4] English classes

College Entrance Exams: BHS is exploring the prospect of becoming an ACT school for 2009-2010.

A *Special Programs* section was included to mention the AIS [Academic Intervention Services] program, AEP [Alternative Education Program], and Library Media Center

Courses by Name

ART: some courses were renamed; others were reintroduced under a new name; and new courses were added

BUSINESS: some courses were renamed; and others were reintroduced

ENGLISH: many course descriptions were rewritten; 'married' courses were

split [i.e.: Creative Writing/Science Fiction – students could now take one elective without taking the other]; courses were renamed or reintroduced; and other courses were revamped.

HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION: all student activities are listed

MATHEMATICS: many course descriptions were rewritten, others were renamed; some courses were revamped; and courses were added to the selection guide

MUSIC: Music Theory & Literature was reintroduced; and the selection guide now differentiates between credit-bearing classes and chamber ensemble.

SCIENCE: many course descriptions were rewritten; and others were renamed; new courses were offered, including non-Regents Chemistry and Physics; Sports Medicine and Ornithology courses were eliminated.

SOCIAL STUDIES: many course descriptions were rewritten; others were renamed; and new courses such as Honors Global 10 and Honors U.S. History 11 are offered

SPECIAL EDUCATION: program descriptions were provided to clarify any confusion

Summary

Courses were renamed to ensure alignment with what colleges and the NCAA are seeking. In some cases, courses were renamed because their titles were too long. Honors classes were introduced in some disciplines where they previously did not exist. Additional AP classes were also added. It is the goal of the administration and teachers of Bellport High School to continue to provide its students with courses and curricula that will be academically challenging, and the resources necessary for their future success.

According to Mr. Briggs, the curriculum handbook review was a “collaborative effort between teachers and administrators. The intention was not to dismantle its content, but to ‘clean up’ and ‘refresh’ its content and appearance. The 2009-2010 Course Selection Guide follows a more uniformed format. Information that may be of little importance to students were removed and replaced with that of more importance.” Mr. Briggs stated that with the hopes of strengthening working relationships with parents and students, they are undertaking steps to empower guidance counselors in the decision-making process, as they move into the implementation stage of the guidance plan.

Nelson Briggs and Bernie Soete: Discussion re: the Perkins Grant and the first meeting of the Advisory Board tomorrow, 1/15/2009 – Sheila Smith is the Coordinator of the program. The goal of the advisory Board is to provide internships for students through Brookhaven Lab. Next year if all goes as planned, the Advisory Board will enter into Phase II of the program. In this phase, job opportunities will be provided to students.

Q & A: Presenters and Board Members

Q: [Toni Huffine] - is the Visionary Committee connected with the Advisory Board?

A: No.

Q: [Kevin Kirk] - number of new classes offered this year?

A: eight to ten; but in combination with last year's classes

Q: [Marian McKenna] - requirements? believes students do not take AP classes seriously and therefore refuse to take the AP exams.

A: students fail to take AP exams because some feel pressured

Statement: Superintendent Walsh: courses are not only be renamed, they are being refined as well.

Statement: Carl Moodt thanked Mr. Briggs for making the college application process easier.

Statement: Toni Huffine thanked Mr. Briggs and administrators for their hard work, and for their decision not to print a handbook for every student.

Continued Discussion re: cost for courses, including costs in the budget; and possibly using shared services.

Q & A :
Presentation
on
Course
Selection
Guide
[Cont'd]

9. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. BOCES 2009-2010 Adopted Calendar

Board President Gregory Miglino urged Board members to carefully review the calendar to ensure conflicts that were encountered last school years are not repeated.

b. Board Vacancy – Little Flower UFSD

Board President Gregory Miglino asked members of the Board for recommendations?

Response: none were offered

Discussion
Items

10. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Board members attending Longwood's Legislative Breakfast
- a meeting at the firehouse on January 19th
- excerpts from report from Nawrocki Smith, LLP – Internal Auditors; says Kevin Kirk: the Board has been urged to review the risk assessment report
- the District being in a positive fiscal position
- vending machines, and the auditor's suggestion to bid them out
- a 7.8% proposed cut from State aid for the 2009-2010 school year

FINANCIAL BENEFITS from THE CAITHNESS PROJECT:

By Board President Gregory Miglino – Discussion Items:

- amount of pilot payments
- distribution of funds from the Caithness project
- Legislators fighting for money for his/her respective districts

Items Not
Listed on
Agenda

- discussion with Mike Buzzeo re: our long-term prognosis
- leaders of the municipal organization group in the community
- approving the South Yaphank Development Committee
- the Town electing to put more compost in the area
- reassessment of condominiums in the community
- “pushing the fringes” on what we as a community can do
- using all advertising venues to get the word out to the community

**Items Not
Listed on
Agenda
[Cont’d]**

OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

- the district paying \$10 thousand for busing assessment and receiving a minimal report
- concerns from transportation department re: release of student information
- concerns from the PTA Council about students’ trip to Washington, D.C. next week
- funding approval for the Washington, D.C. trip
- Q re: why all administrators in Central Office are interims?
- In Response: interviews were conducted for the HR and Instructional positions: two offers were made; both offers were rejected.
- letter to BOE from Mike Buzzeo re: State Aid
- letter to BOE from Dwayne Adsitt re: reduction in Reading First

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION (9:40 p.m.)

**Close Public
Session**

BRIEF RECESS

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:50 p.m.)

**Executive
Session**

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Victor Correa, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f) Personnel Matters.

12. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (12:20 a.m.)

**Close
Executive
Session**

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 12:20 a.m.

13. MOVE ON PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS

**Withdraw
Personnel
Agenda Item
1014**

- a. Item No. 1014 [Termination of Guard]
*ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN***

- b. Item No. 1016 [Leave of Absence - Clerk Typist]; 1018 [Elementary Education Teacher]; and 1041 [Daily Substitute Teacher]**

**Approve
Personnel
Agenda Items
1016, 1018 &
1041**

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Marian McKenna, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Personnel Agenda items 1016; 1018; and 1041.

c. **TABLE** Item No. 1049 [Guard]

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by James Jankowski, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board **TABLES** Personnel Agenda item 1049 [Guard].

**TABLE
Personnel
Agenda Item
1049**

14. ADD ITEMS TO BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT AGENDA

L. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Richard Kollar as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, effective January 14, 2009 at a rate of \$850 per day. In addition, Mr. Kollar will receive the following holidays as provided in the Administrators' contract:

- Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Washington's Birthday
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day

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**Appoint
Richard Kollar
as Interim
Asst. Supt. for
Human
Resources**

M. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo *six vacation* days, and the following *holidays*, as per the Administrators' contract:

- Day Prior to Christmas
- Christmas Day
- Day Prior to New Year's
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Washington's Birthday
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education grants Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo *six vacation* days, and holidays, as per the Administrators' contract, as stipulated above.

**Grant Michael
Buzzeo
Vacation Days
& Holidays**

N. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby motions that the High School work with the PTA Council for the purpose of development and Education; implement a trip to Albany, New York on or about March 2009. Furthermore, the Board authorizes contracting of two commercial buses for

**HS Work
w/PTA Council
to Develop
Education and
Implement
Trip to
Albany...**

transportation to and from Albany, New York.

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board motions that the High School work with the PTA Council for the purpose of development and education; implement a trip to Albany, New York on or about March 2009. Furthermore, the Board authorizes contracting of two commercial buses for transportation to and from Albany, New York.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 2009

**Next Meeting
Date**

15. ADJOURNMENT (12:25 a.m.)

Adjournment

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judeth DeGree,

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District Clerk

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